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1. Egypt

The stop at Cairo while a passenger on a BOAC [British Overseas Airways Corporation] Comet in August 1953 was quite unpleasant and one could almost sense an anti-British feeling from the Egyptian medical, immigration and customs officials. After landing, an Egyptian came aboard the airplane and walked up and down the aisle spraying the cabin with an Aerosol type bomb for over five minutes. The cabin was sealed and, despite the fact that the local time was near midnight, the temperature was over 80 degrees. The discomfort resulting from the DDT and heat seemed unnecessary and the procedure had not been observed on a prior July 1953 landing at Cairo aboard an Alitalia [Aerolinee Italiane Internazionali] plane.

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2. Ethiopia

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A new agreement has been made dated 14 Jul 53, between TWA [Trans-World Airlines] and the Imperial Ethiopian Government, providing for assistance by TWA in the management of and operation of Ethiopia Airlines. This agreement is to remain in force for a three-year period. [REDACTED]

3. Israel

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It now appears that the El Al Israel Airline will get financing in the approximate amount of three to five million dollars to cover the purchase of three Super-Constellations for delivery in late 1955. [REDACTED]

4. South Africa

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The airline expansion program there seems to me to depend a great deal on the outcome of the confederation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia with Nyasaland. [REDACTED]

5. Turkey

Budgetary control of DHY [Turkish State Airlines] passes from the Ministry of Transportation to DHY itself on 1 Jan 54. Aleddin Selcuk, Chief Engineer, said that decision concerning the purchase of new aircraft (DC-6Bs) might be announced within a month or so [October/November 1953], but it is doubted if this will happen before March 1954. [REDACTED]

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